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1966 REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON NORTH VIETNAM ROUTES
15 AND 1502 IN THE VICINITY OF XOM CA TRANG:

1. ROUTE 15 IS OBSERVED TO BE SERVICEABLE TO THROUGH TRAFFIC
FROM 1758N 10549E (UTM WE865875) TO 1755N 10549E (UTM WE868818).
THE STATUS OF THE RIVER CROSSINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE CABLE BRIDGE AT THE SITE OF THE XOM CA TRANG HIGHWAY
BRIDGE OVER THE NAM QUAT [REDACTED] AT 1757N 10548E (UTM
WE861859) IS UNSERVICEABLE DUE TO INTERDICTED APPROACHES. AT LEAST
TWO TAUT CABLES ARE NOTED SPANNING THE RIVER.

B. A POSSIBLE CABLE BRIDGE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT 1757N
10548E (UTM WE859859) ON A BY-PASS ROAD WEST OF THE DESTROYED
XOM CA TRANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE NAM QUAT. ONE CENTER PIER

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AND 3 A-FRAME SUPPORTS ARE OBSERVED. BRIDGE APPROACHES ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

C. A SERVICEABLE FORD IS LOCATED ON A BY-PASS ROAD AT 1757N 10548E (UTM WE864861) NORTHEAST OF THE DESTROYED XOM CA TRANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE NAM QUAT.

D. THE CABLE BRIDGE AT THE CITE OF THE DESTROYED XOM CA TRANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE RAO CAI AT 1757N 10548E (UTM WE864855) IS UNSERVICEABLE. BOTH APPROACHES ARE SEVERELY INTERDICTED. CABLES ARE NOT VISIBLE.

E. A SERVICEABLE FORD IS LOCATED AT 1757N 10548E (UTM WE861855) JUST WEST OF THE DESTROYED XOM CA TRANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE RAO CAI.

2. ROUTE 1502, OBSERVED FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 15 AT 1757N 10548E (UTM WE861858) SOUTHWARD TO ITS REJUNCTION WITH ROUTE 15 AT 1756N 10548E (UTM WE861832), IS UNSERVICEABLE TO THROUGH TRAFFIC BECAUSE OF UNSERVICEABLE RIVER CROSSINGS ACROSS THE RAO CAI. THE LOCATION AND STATUS OF THESE RIVER CROSSINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. A CABLE BRIDGE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION ACROSS THE RAO CAI AT 1757N 10548E (UTM WE853849). AN UNDISCERNIBLE NUMBER OF CABLES SPAN THE RIVER. THE APPROACHES ARE CAMOUFLAGED.

B. A PROBABLY DUMMY CABLE BRIDGE IS LOCATED AT 1757N 10548E (UTM WE851848). FOUR THICK LIGHT-COLORED ROPES/CABLES ARE OBSERVED SPANNING THE RIVER. NO ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO CAMOUFLAGE THE APPROACHES. THE USUAL GROUND SCARING ASSOCIATED WITH CON-

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STRUCTION OF THE CABLE ANCHORAGES IS NOT EVIDENT.

C. AN UNSERVICEABLE WOODEN DECK-TYPE BRIDGE WITH THE
DECKING PARTLY REMOVED IS LOCATED AT 1756N 10548E (UTM WE849845.

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